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TOWN OFFICERS

IRA E. ELLIOTT, Moderator

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS, Clerk

JOHN BOUTIN, HERMAN A. MORRILL,
WALTER J. YEATON, Selectmen

JOHN E. COX Treasurer

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS Collector

ALFRED U. MARDEN, ERNEST T. PAGE,
Highway Agents

VICTOR A. BROOKS, HARRY H. ELLIOTT,
Supervisors of the Check List

FLOYD HUTCHINS, GEORGE N. BELYEA,
Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

JOHN E. COX, CATHERINE EASTMAN,
FRANCES COX, Library Trustees

JOHN E. COX, WALTER J. YEATON,
Trustees of Trust Funds

IRA E. ELLIOTT, IONE COX, EDITH J. YEATON
School Board

LESTER O. NOXON Auditor

CARL EASTMAN Constable

CATHERINE EASTMAN Librarian

KENDRICK I. HOWE, VICTOR A. BROOKS,
Fence Viewers

JOHN E. COX The Pound Keeper

TOWN WARRANT

State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Benton qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, a Town Treasurer, Auditor, Tax Collector, one or more Highway Agents, not to exceed three and all other necessary Town Officers and Agents for the ensuing year.

2. To hear the reports of Officers and Agents heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers salaries and expenses, for the repair, maintenance and construction of highways and bridges, for the observation of Memorial Day and for all other necessary town charges and expenses for the ensuing year.

4. To see what action the Town will take in regard to securing State aid for highways, and to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for that purpose.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for control of White Pine Blister Rust.

6. To see what action the Town will take to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

7. To see what action the Town will take in regard to keeping the Town Highways open for motor

traffic during the winter season and to make the necessary appropriation therefor

8. To see if the Town will vote to dispense with delivery of the Inventory Blanks until April 1st.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this eighth day February, A. D., 1932.

JOHN BOUTIN, H. A. MORRILL, W. J. YEATON,
Selectmen of Benton

A true copy attest:

JOHN BOUTIN, H. A. MORRILL, W. J. YEATON,
Selectmen of Benton

JUST A MINUTE FOLKS

The signs that you have noticed at highway entrances to our town, are a gift from people who are much interested in Benton.

The idea orginated with "Mort" Leonard, and he, together with Mary Leornard Crowell, Ada W. Leonard, and W. J. Yeaton, gave the signs and poles. In the placing of them the following gave their labor, Harold Rines, Joseph Boutin, Jr., W. J. Yeaton, and Napoleon Burke. John Boutin gave the use of truck and Joseph Boutin, Sr., furnished cedar trees for the braces.

How about the Town Clerk's building with it's new snappy two coats of paint. This also was given by the same fellow who originated the other idea and he did most of the redecorating although we understand "Cad Fifield" did some pinch hitting when the second floor was reached. We certainly appreciate our signs and the improved appearance of the clerk's building and extend our thanks to all of those interested.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing year, February 1, 1932, to February 1, 1933 compared with

Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous year, February, 1931, to February, 1932.

Sources of Revenue	actual 1931	est'm'd 1932
FROM STATE:		
Bounties Repaid	96.00	63.20
Railroad Tax	48.23	40.00
Savings Bank Tax	50.67	40.00
Abatement State Tax	779.28	700.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	8.00	
For Highways:		
Class V Highways	66.80	
(a) For State Aid Maintenance	1244.93	1250.00
Interest and Dividend Tax	20.11	5.00
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:		
All Licenses and Permits,		
Auto Permits	233.63	200.00
Lot in Cemetery	5.00	
Tax Sale Fees	1.71	
Refund Auto Permits	5.25	
National Forest Reserve	526.31	500.00
Income of Departments:		
From Town of Landaff	4.68	
Income Trust Funds	337.42	337.42
FROM POLL TAXES:	164.00	160.00
From other taxes except property taxes		
Dog Tax	63.00	50.00

Revenue Applicable only to New Construction and Improvements:		
FROM STATE:		
(a) For State Aid Highway Construction	890.63	
AMOUNT RAISED By ISSUE Of BONDS And NOTES:	3000.00	3000.00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	7545.65	6345.62
Amount Raised by Property Taxes:	**3702.92**	**3700.00**
TOTAL REVENUES	11248.57	10045.62
Decrease	1203.15	

Purposes of Expenditures	**actual 1931**	**est'm'd 1932**
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Town Officers' Salaries	278.22	275.00
Town Officers' Expenses	116.99	115.00
Election and Registration Expenses	12.00	90.00
Care and Supplies for Town Hall	10.00	5.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:		
Police Department	19.25	15.00
Fire Department	36.63	15.00
Moth Extermination Blister Rust Control	100.00	100.00
Bounties Paid Out	88.00	65.00
HEALTH:		
Health Department	5.00	5.00
Vital Statistics	1.50	3.00
HIGHWAYS And BRIDGES:		
State Aid Maintenance; State's Contribution	1244.93	1250.00

State Aid Maintenance;		
Town's Contribution	254.40	250.00
Trunk Line Maintenance;		
Town's Contribution	350.00	350.00
Town Maintenance	1049.71	600.00
Snow Removal	578.19	500.00
Water Tub	3.00	3.00
EDUCATION: Libraries	12.00	
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:		
Memorial Day and Other Celebrations	18.00	20.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Cemeteries	98.00	75.00
INTEREST:		
On Temporary Loans	79.76	79.76
On Long Term Notes	75.00	50.00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
HIGHWAYS And BRIDGES		
Town Construction	999.95	
State Aid Construction		
State's Contribution	890.63	
State Aid Construction		
Town's Contribution	294.28	
Indebtedness:		
Payment on Principal of Debt	500.00	
(a) Bonds, Temporary Loans	3000.00	3000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State Taxes	378.00	378.00
County Taxes	439.83	439.83
Payments to School Districts	1548.85	900.00
Taxes bought by Town	345.00	
Abatement of Poll Taxes	14.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12841.72	8583.59
Decrease	4258.13	

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1932

Lands and Buildings	$145,170.00
Electric Plants including pole lines	28,750.00
Horses (45)	2,925.00
Oxen (2)	200.00
Cows (140)	10,065.00
Neat stock (37)	1,735.00
Sheep (1)	10.00
Fowl (34)	34.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	6,937.50
Gasoline pumps	250.00
$196,076.50	
Polls, 101 @ $2.00 $202.00	
Amount of taxes committed to Collector including Poll Taxes	$4,158.25
Tax rate $2.02	

A Review of Revaluation And Its Effect On Tax Rate and Taxes and Other Things of Interest

In the year 1929 Government owned land in Benton comprised 10,259 acres. State owned lands were 600 acres.

Value on most of the remaining lands had remained stationary for from 5 to 11 years. The tax rate was $2.47.

In the year 1930 all property was looked over trying to establish an equal valuation for all with the following results. Number of residents totaled 33. Of these 21 were raised and 12 remaining same. Increases in value running from $50.00 to $6,150.00 with following percent in increased taxes. Ten showed an increase of from 26 cents to $55.87 and twenty-three showed a decrease of from 50 cents to $13.22, larger percent of decrease caused by lower tax rate even though value on their property had been raised.

On total of 36 non-resident value of 17 was raised, 19 remaining same. Increases ran from 24 cents to $8110.00 with following change in taxes. Eleven showed increase of 39 cents to $86.67, and 25 showed decrease from 5 cents to $18.92. Larger decreases in taxes account lower tax rate. Other results of this revaluation were the finding of 140 acres of timber land which records fail to show any taxes applied for period of over twelve years. Found some parcels of land being taxed for less than deed acreage. The establishing of values for hill farms on poor roads and those on state highways with meadow land. Finding of farms and real estate lying across road from each other both comparable, and yet a wide difference in value had been shown. It was only fair to all tax payers to adjust this. We sincerely believe if the value on any one piece of property in this town is too high, then this would apply to each and every piece of land and real estate.

On account of advice of owners and their objection to paying their taxes 1929 claiming to have sold to U. S. Government, and further influenced by the handing to your town clerk and your selectmen by a government official on March 23, 1930, of papers showing sale of same, your selectmen set aside these parcels of land taking from tax set up. But an inventory was asked for and papers covering taxes on all this property were turned over to tax collector to safeguard town for taxes should deal not go through. The town got the taxes and as explained to us they came indirectly from the U. S. Government and were turned over to the town treasurer by collector.

When this was known your Road Agents were allowed to exceed their appropriations to repair and put in new culverts and reconditioning highways,

generally for good of roads in fall and construction in the Spring.

The year 1930 brought Benton out of the debit column to a credit town with cash in its treasury.

This year, 1931, the town was obliged to take from its books 11,686.50 acres carrying a value of $116,365.00. This account taken over by U. S. Government this being property in question last year, also 50 acres value $700.00 taken over State of New Hampshire. A tax of $1550.63 was collected on these properties last year.

The Live Stock Valuation was Reduced This Year

	ave. value year		year		
Per cow	1930	$104.63	1931	$71.89	Reduction 31.4%
Per horse	1930	115.62	1931	65.00	Reduction 43.8%
other neat	1930	61.16	1931	46.89	Reduction 23.3%

Only one piece of real estate was raised in value this year. All real estate owners paid less taxes on account of lower tax rate of $2.02. By not accepting state aid construction in year 1930 the town was able to do state aid construction to amount of $1298.00 this year at cost of $298.00 to town whereby had we done this in 1930, the same would have cost the town $649.00 at ratio then prevailing. A bad piece of road was resurfaced this year that should prove a benefit to some of the tax payers.

Railing has been put up at most of the bad places in town. The town of Benton is comprised of 31,232 acres. Of these the U. S. Government and State of New Hampshire now own 22,595 acres.
Balance available for tax purposes in 1931, 8,637 acres

Tax rate for 1929	$2.47
Tax rate for 1930	2.05
Tax rate for 1931	2.02
Tax rate for 1932	?

APPROPRIATIONS 1931

Town Officers salaries	$ 300.00
Town Officers expenses	300.00
Municipal Court expenses, Justice of Peace fee Ira Elliott	5.00
Fire Department, Purchase of Forest Fire Fighting tools	40.00
Blister Rust Control	100.00
State Aid maintenance	250.00
State Aid construction	298.00
Trunk Line maintenance	350.00
Town Maintenance $400.00 plus estimated revenue from Forest Reserve and Trust Funds for Highway purposes around $600. to equal	1,000.00
Town Construction "to be taken from the Town Treasury"	1,000.00
Snow Plow "to be taken from Town Treas."	50.00
Memorial Day celebration	20.00
Dinner to be given at Town Meeting, March 1932	10.00
Interest	75.00
Payment on principal of debt To be taken from Town Treasury	575.00
State tax	378.00
County tax	439.83
School District	1,555.42
	$6,746.25

Less amount to be taken from cash in Town Treasury for Town construction, payment on principal of debt and interest on same and Snow Plow	$1625.00	
Estimated revenue available for highways,	600.00	2225.00
	$4,521.25	

Estimated Revenue other than Local Taxes

Interest and Dividend Tax	$13.00
Railroad Tax	50.00
Savings Bank Tax	50.00
Motor Vehicle permit fees	250.00
	$363.00
Balance	$4,158.25
Less Poll Taxes, 101 at $2.00	202.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes which Town rate figured	$3,956.25

ASSETS

In hands of Treasurer		$801.89
Due from State on account of Bounties paid out by the Town		63.20
Receipts for Real Estate sold for taxes Tax sale this year		$345.60
Taxes not collected, year 1928	$ 6.02	
Taxes not collected, year 1929	18.11	
Taxes not collected, year 1930,	29.07	
Taxes not collected, year 1931,	1088.24	
		$1,141.44
Total Assets		$2,352.13
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)		169.41
		$2,521.54

LIABILITIES

Due to School District:	
Dog licenses 1931	$ 63.00
Forest Reserve 1931	263.16
Trust Funds	101.80
Balance appropriation 1931	1,022.70
	$1,450.66

Due Trustees of Library, $3.00 @ year for six years	18.00
Due Trustees of Trust Funds account unexpended Balance	52.88
Woodsville Savings Bank note account bridge South Benton 1925	1,000.00
Total liabilities	$2,521.54

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Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall, lands and buildings	$2,000.00
Furniture and equipment	200.00
Town Clerk's office, lands and buildings	200.00
Furniture and equipment	50.00
Highways equipment including road machines and plow,	400.00
Highway materials, 50 lbs spikes	3.50
School house, land and buildings	1,800.00
	$4,653.50

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REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

For year ending January 31st, 1932

Received for fifty-one permits for registration of motor vehicles issued from February 1st, 1931, to January 31st, 1932	$233.63
Received for dog licenses, 24 male and 3 female	63.00
	$296.63

TREASURER'S REPORT

For year ending January 31st, 1932

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand February 1st, 1931	$2,395.04
From F. J. Hutchins, Collector, 1930 taxes	784.47
From F. J. Hutchins Collector, 1931 taxes	3,080.52
From F. J. Hutchins Collector, interest on 1930 and 1931 taxes	1.93
From Woodsville Savings Bank temporary loans	3,000.00
From State for state aid maintenance	1,244.93
From State for state aid construction	890.63
From State rebatement state tax	779.28
From State for class V highways	66.80
From State account Fire Warden expenses	8.00
From State account, railroad and bank tax	98.90
From State account Interest and Dividend tax	20.11
From State bounties repaid	96.00
From National Forest Reserve Fund	526.31
From Trust Fund Income	337.42
From Motor Vehicle Permits	233.63
From Ada W. Lonard for lot in Mountain View cemetery	5.00
From dog licenses	63.00
From F. J. Hutchins account tax sale fee collected	1.71
From W. W. Eastman account motor vehicle fees refunded	5.25
From Town of Landaff for breaking Whitcherville road	4.68
	$13,643.61
Selectmen's Orders Paid	12,841.72
Cash on hand February 1st, 1932	$801.89

JOHN E. COX, Treasurer

PAYMENTS

Detail	General Government	
1	Town Officers Salaries	$278.22
2	Town Officers Expenses	116.99
3	Election and Registration	12.00
4	Town Hall	10.00
	Protection Of Person and Property	
5	Police Department including care of tramps	19.25
6	Fire Department including Forest Fires	36.63
7	Blister Rust Control	100.00
8	Bounties paid out	88.00
	Health Department	
9	Health Officer	5.00
10	Vital Statistics	1.50
	Highways and Bridges	
11	State Aid Maintenance	1,499.33
12	Trunk Line Maintenance	350.00
13	Town Maintenance	1,049.71
14	Snow Removal	578.19
15	Water Tubs	3.00
	Libraries	
16	Librarian	12.00
	Patriotic Purposes	
17	Memorial Exercises	18.00
	Public Service Enterprises	
18	Cemeteries	98.00
	Unclassified	
19	Taxes bought by Town	345.60
20	Abatements	14.00
	Interest	
21	Temporary Loans, and Long Terms	154.76
	Outlay for New Construction and Improvements	
22	State Aid Construction	1,184.91
23	Town Construction	999.95
	Indebtedness	
24	Temporary and Long Term Notes	3,500.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

25	County Tax, State Tax, and School District	2,366.68
	Total Payments for all purposes	12,841.72
	Cash on hand January 31st, 1932	801.89
	Grand Total	$13,643.61

RECEIPTS

Property taxes committed to collector 1931	$3960.76
Less uncollected 1931	1044.24
Property taxes for 1931 actually collected	$2,916.52
Poll taxes for year 1931 actually collected 82 @ $2.00	164.00
Property taxes and Poll taxes for previous years collected	784.47
Highways and bridges	
From State for state aid maintenance paid direct $500.00	
By checks to all employed and remitted to Town	1,244.93
From State for state aid construction, state paid for culverts used, cost of $109.37 and sent Town	890.63
From State for class "V" highways	66.80
From State	
Interest and Dividend tax	20.11
Railroad tax	48.23
Savings Bank tax	50.67
Bounties repaid to Town	96.00
Expenses of Fire Wardens attending conference	8.00
Abatement on State Tax	779.28
From Other Sources	
Ada W. Leonard, lot in Mt. View cemetery	5.00
Dog licenses	63.00
Registration of motor vehicles, 1931 permits	107.67

Registration of motor vehicles, 1932 permits	125.96
Town of Landaff for breaking Whitcherville road	4.68
Fees account Tax Sale collected by Collector	1.71
Refund auto permit fees from W. W. Eastman Est. paid in error	5.25
Interest received on 1930 and 1931 taxes	1.93
Income from Trust Funds, year 1931	337.42
From National Forest Reserve	526.31
From Woodsville Savings Bank, temporary loans	3,000.00
Total Receipts from all sources	$11,248.57
Cash on hand February 1st, 1931	2,395.04
Grand Total	$13,643.61

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1 Town Officers Salaries

W. J. Yeaton Selectman	$ 42.00
John Boutin Selectman	38.12
Herman A. Morrill Selectman	31.12
Ira E. Elliott Moderator	3.50
John E. Cox Treasurer	35.00
Napoleon Burke Auditor 1931	3.50
Floyd J. Hutchins Clerk	35.00
Floyd J. Hutchins Collector	50.00
Floyd Hutchins Surveyor	6.00
Floyd J. Hutchins Fees, Dog Licenses issued	5.40
Floyd J. Hutchins Fees, auto permits issued	12.75
Floyd J. Hutchins Fees, account Tax Sales	10.58
W. W. Eastman Estate, Fees, auto permits	5.25
	$278.22

Detail 2 Town Officers Expenses

Chamberlain's Greenhouse, flowers for Mr. Eastman's funeral	$10.00
Grafton County Pub. Co. Printing of Town Reports	40.60
F. P. Dearth Town Officers Bonds	25.00
Enoch B. Fuller Justice Peace Fee, Ira E. Elliott	5.00
W. J. Yeaton Use Auto Assessing Taxes South Benton	7.00
W. J. Yeaton Envelopes and Stamps	4.50
W. J. Yeaton Dinners, Selectmen, Assessing Taxes	3.00
F. J. Hutchins Use car Surveying Pulpwood	4.00
F. J. Hutchins Stamps and Stationery	5.00
F. J. Hutchins use of car, State Tax com. meeting	2.50
W. J. Randolph Transfer Deeds	1.44
Edson Eastman Co. Dog Tags and Blank Tax Book	6.65
H. A. Morrill Dinners, Surveying Pulpwood	1.30
John E. Cox Stamps	1.00
	$116.99

Detail 3 Election and Registration

H. H. Elliott Supervisor	$3.00
F. J. Hutchins Supervisor	4.50
Victor A. Brooks Supervisor	4.50
	$12.00

Detail 4 Town Hall

F. J. Rollins Wood	$5.00
Alexzenia Boutin Cleaning Town Hall	5.00
	$10.00

Detail 5 Police Department

N. Burke Constable, years 1929-1930	$10.00
Carl G. Eastman Constable, 1931	5.00
Grace M. Tyler feeding tramp	.50
John Boutin feeding and care of tramps	3.75
	$19.25

Detail 6 Fire Department including Forest Fires

W. J. Yeaton Warden, attending Conference at Littleton	$ 3.50
W. J. Yeaton Use of car to Conference	3.50
W. J. Yeaton Dinner at Conference	1.00
W. J. Yeaton putting up signs, issuing permits	1.50
H. A. Morrill Deputy Warden, attending Conference	3.50
Herman A. Morrill Dinner at Conference	1.00
Herman A. Morrill putting up Fire Signs	2.00
John H. Foster State Forester, 5 Knapsack Sprayers	13.75
John H. Foster State Forester, 12 Galvanized Pails	3.50
John H. Foster State Forester, 5 Grub Hoes	3.38
	$36.63
Received From State	
Half of Expenses attending Conference	$8.00

Detail 7 White Pine Blister

John H. Foster, State Forester Labor	$100.00

Detail 8 Bounties

Bounties Paid	$88.00

Detail 9 Health Department

L. A. Collins, Health Officer	$5.00

Detail 10 Vital Statistics

E. Siske, two deaths	.50
R. M. Deming, M. D., two deaths	.50
F. E. Spear, M. D., one death	.25
S. A. Blodgett, M. D., one birth	.25
	$1.50

Detail 11 State Aid Maintenance

Ira E. Elliott, Agent

Ira E. Elliott, 98½ hrs	$ 38.38
Ira E. Elliott with truck, 747½ hrs	880.24
Charles C. Tyler, 581 hrs	225.95
Howard Tyler, 47½ hrs	18.48
Herbert Clark, 10½ hrs	4.10
Bernard Cox, 140½ hrs	54.60
John E. Cox, 9 hrs	3.50
Floyd J. Rollins, 180 hrs	74.95
Roscoe Tewksbury, 18 hrs	7.00
Napoleon Boutin, 117 hrs	45.50
Welton McKean, 13½ hrs	5.25
A. U. Marden with truck, 18 hrs	20.00
Stephen Dexter with team, 24 hrs	18.70
Stephen Dexter, 460 loads gravel @ 15c	71.15
A. E. Houston, dynamite	2.00
A. U. Marden, dynamite	4.73
Depot Store, Littleton, dynamite	19.50
R. R. Scruggs, one maddock	1.85
L. E. Mason, fixing drills	2.60
F. E. Streeter. fixing drills	.85
	$1499.33

Special $500.00 By State To Be Used on

State Aid Roads **John Boutin, Agent.**

John Boutin, 135 hrs	$52.50

Harry Rines, 124 hrs	48.23
Lester Noxon, 93 hrs	36.15
Napoleon Burke, 126 hrs	49.01
Floyd Hutchins, 104 hrs	40.45
Floyd Rollins, 36 hrs	14.00
Napoleon Paradie, 18 hrs	7.00
Lee McKean, 97 hrs	37.73
Roland McKean, 108 hrs	42.01
Napoleon Boutin, 77 hrs	29.95
Ira E. Elliott, 4½ hrs	1.75
Ira E. Elliott with team, 40½ hrs	27.00
E. A. Marden with team, 18 hrs	12.00
Stephen Dexter with team, 90½ hrs	60.34
John E. Cox with team, 47½ hrs	31.70
Ira E. Elliott with truck 4½ hrs	5.00
Ira E. Elliott, dynamite	1.36
C. A. Chandler, dynamite	2.35
Stephen Dexter, 5 loads gravel	.75
	$499.28

All Work Sheets sent to State for Above and Checks for All Items Received direct from State Treasurer.

Detail 12 Trunk Line Maintenance

G. N. Belyea, Foreman in charge	$350.00

Detail 13 Town Road Maintenance, A. U. Marden, Agent

A. U. Marden 134½ hrs	$ 52.32
A. U. Marden with team, 43 hrs	33.46
A. U. Marden with truck, 319½ hrs	365.00
A. U. Marden, use of truck	4.00
A. U. Marden, Auto and Expenses for Road Meeting, held at Plymouth	4.00
E. A. Marden, 54 hrs	21.00
E. A. Marden with team, 9 hrs	7.00

C. C. Hill, 176½ hrs	68.65
John Cox, 27 hrs	10.50
John Cox with team, 13½ hrs	10.50
Charles Tyler, 18 hrs	7.00
Howard Tyler, 213 hrs	82.84
Roscoe Tewksbury, 350 hrs	136.13
Harry Rines, 11½ hrs	4.48
Harold Rines, 4 hrs	1.56
Lester Noxon, 58½ hrs	22.75
Bernard Cox, 9 hrs	3.50
Roland McKean, 9 hrs	3.50
Floyd Rollins, 15 hrs	5.84
Napoleon Paradie, 15 hrs	5.84
Ira E. Elliott with truck, 18 hrs	22.00
Stephen Dexter with team, 9 hrs	7.00
Stephen Dexter, 125 loads gravel	18.75
Dynamite	10.00
Logs for Culverts	3.00
Plank	8.94
Bolts for Road Machine	1.53
	$921.09

West Side, Ernest T. Page, Agent

Ernest T. Page, 28 hrs	$10.61
Ernest T. Page with team, 34 hrs	26.52
Ernest T. Page, 14 loads gravel	1.40
N. F. Page with truck, 8½ hrs	10.62
Alphonse Fillian, 27 hrs	10.80
Alphonse Fillian with team, 6 hrs	4.68
Joseph Prue, 9 hrs	3.50
Joseph Prue with team, 10 hrs	7.80
Plank for Bridges	13.55
Alphonse Fillian, 17 loads gravel	1.70
	$91.18

Balance Due, year 1930, Ernest T. Page, Agent

Joseph Prue, 32 hrs	12.50
Joseph Prue with team, 32 hrs	24.94
	$37.44

SUMMARY

A. U. Marden, Agent		$921.09
Ernest T. Page, Agent		91.18
Ernest T. Page, Agent, Due year 1930		37.44
Grand Total		$1,049.71
Received from State for Class V roads,	66.80	
Received from Landaff for breaking Whitcherville Road	4.68	
	$71.48	
Cost To Town		$978.23

Detail 14 Town Maintenance, Snow Removal
A. U. Marden, Agent

A. U. Marden, 102½ hrs	$39.88
A. U. Marden with team, 47½ hrs	36.96
A. U. Marden, Use of horses 13½ hrs	5.25
E. A. Marden, 9 hrs	3.50
Roscoe Tewksbury, 59¼ hrs	23.06
Clifton Tewksbury, 48½ hrs	18.86
Claire Tewksbury, 47 hrs	18.28
John E. Cox, 18 hrs	7.00
John E. Cox with team, 47½ hrs	36.96
Ira E. Elliott, 38 hrs	14.78
Ira E. Elliott with team, 42 hrs	32.73
John Boutin, 24½ hrs	9.50
John Boutin Use truck plowing, 21 hrs	42.00
John Boutin with team, 2 hrs 40 mins	2.00
Joseph Boutin, Sr., 4½ hrs	1.75
Joseph Boutin, Jr., 65½ hrs	25.50

Harold Rines, 4½ hrs	1.75
Harry Rines, 27 hrs	10.50
Floyd Hutchins, 14½ hrs	5.65
Floyd Rollins, 40½ hrs	15.75
Russell Dexter, 13½ hrs	5.25
Roland McKean, 34½ hrs	13.42
Welton McKean, 31½ hrs	12.25
Herbert Clark, 52½ hrs	20.42
W. A. Clark, 43 hrs	16.90
Charles C. Tyler, 35 hrs	13.62
Howard Tyler, 52½ hrs	20.42
Lester Noxon, 27 hrs	10.50
Royal Corey, 18 hrs	7.00
Carl Eastman, 31½ hrs	12.25
Bernard Cox, 27 hrs	10.50
George Ramsey, 9 hrs	3.50
John E. Cox, use of horses, 4½ hrs	1.75
Ira E. Elliott, use of horses, 4½ hrs	1.75
A. U. Marden, Bolts and Irons for Plow	2.00
Total	$503.19
State Highway Department, Snow Plow	75.00
Grand Total	$578.19

Detail 15 Water Tubs

G. N. Belyea, Water Tub	3.00

Detail 16 Libraries

Catherine Eastman, Librarian	$12.00

Detail 17 Patriotic Purposes

Ira E. Elliott, Memorial Day Exercises	$18.00

Detail 18 Public Service Enterprises

Charles C. Tyler, 185 hrs labor Mt. View Cemetery	$72.00
Charles C. Tyler, 18 hrs, East Side Cemetery	7.00
Charles C. Tyler, 36 hrs, cutting bushes, East Side	14.00
John Crimmings, 15½ hrs labor South Benton Cemeteries	5.00
	$98.00

Detail 19 Unclassified

Taxes Bought By Town	$345.60

Detail 20 Abatements

1930, two Polls paid elsewhere	4.00
Three Polls over 70 years of age	10.00
1931, Paid elsewhere two Polls	4.00
	$14.00

Detail 21 Interest

Woodsville Savings Bank, Temporary Loans	79.76
Woodsville Savings Bank, Long Term Note	75.00
	$154.76

Detail 22 State Aid Construction
John Boutin, Foreman

John Boutin, 183 hrs	$ 81.30
John Boutin, horses 75 hrs	29.16
John Boutin, truck with driver, 9½ hrs	15.98
John Boutin, truck with driver, 288½ yds gravel @ 75c load	216.50
N. Burke, 90½ hrs	35.19
F. Rollins, 187 hrs	72.70

Lester Noxon, 65 hrs	25.27
R. M. Tewksbury, 144½ hrs	56.19
A. U. Marden, 6½ hrs	2.52
A. U. Marden and truck, 138 yds gravel @ 75c	81.00
Harry Rines, 150½ hrs	58.51
Harold Rines, 61 hrs	23.74
F. J. Hutchins, 97½ hrs	37.91
W. A. Clark, 77 hrs	29.94
Joseph Boutin, Sr., 67½ hrs	26.25
Joseph Boutin, Jr., 12 hrs	4.66
W. J. Yeaton truck with driver, 2 hrs	3.00
W. J. Yeaton, truck with driver, 192 yds gravel @ 75c	144.37
N. Boutin, truck with driver, 1 hr	2.00
N. Boutin, truck with driver, 190 yds gravel @ 75c	144.50
A. U. Marden with team, 4½ hrs	3.50
John Cox with team, 4½ hrs	3.50
Bernard Cox, 7 hrs	2.72
B. A. Stymest, cement	8.40
S. H. Dexter with team, 18 hrs	14.00
S. H. Dexter, 414 loads gravel @ 15c	62.10
Total $1,184.91	

Detail 23 Town Construction,
John Boutin, Foreman

John Boutin, 148 hrs	$ 65.78
John Boutin truck with driver, 5 hrs	9.75
John Boutin, truck with driver 90 yds gravel @ 80 cents	72.00
John Boutin, truck and driver 167½ yds gravel @ 85 cents	142.37
John Boutin, truck and driver 145½ yds gravel @ 90 cents	130.95
John Boutin, truck with driver 115½ yds gravel @ 85 cents	98.05

H. A. Morrill, 45 hrs	17.50
F. Rollins, 14 hrs	5.40
Harry Rines, 160 hrs	62.72
J. E. Cox, 36 hrs	14.00
F. Hutchins, 79 hrs	31.22
N. Burke, 38½ hrs	14.97
W. J. Yeaton truck with driver 58½ yds gravel @ 80 cents	46.80
W. J. Yeaton truck with driver 114 yds gravel @ 85 cents	95.62
W. J. Yeaton truck with driver 102 yds gravel @ 90 cents	91.80
W. J. Yeaton truck with driver 70½ yds gravel @ 85 cents	59.57
S. H. Dexter with team, 31½ hrs	24.50
S. H. Dexter, 113 loads gravel @ 15c	16.95
Balance of gravel used was given Town by U. S. Government, taken from Wildwood pit	
Total	$999.95

Detail 24 Indebtedness

Woodsville Savings Bank, Temporary Loans	$3000.00
Woodsville Savings Bank, Long Term Note	500.00

Detail 25 PAYMENTS

To Other Governmental Divisions

County Treasurer, County Tax	439.83
State Treasurer, State Tax	378.00
Margaret Elliott, School Treasurer For School District	1548.85
Total	$2,366.68

TRUSTEES REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Period Ending January 31st, 1932

Received of the Ira Whitcher fund, interest on $500.00 U. S. Bond; care of lot in cemetery Total rec'd$21.25
For Sexton's services, care of lot $4.00 Total pd. $4.00
Paid out to Town Treasurer Balance$ 17.25

Received of Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest on $500.00 U. S. Bond; care of lot in cemetery; balance, Schools and Highways Total rec'd 21.25
Paid out to Town Treasurer
For sexton's services care of lot, $4.25
Schools $8.50
Highways $8.50 Total pd. 21.25

Received of Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest on $1,000.00 U. S. Bond; care of lot in cemetery; balance Schools and Highways Total rec'd 42.50
Paid out to Town Treasurer
For sexton's services care of lot, 6.50
Schools 18.00
Highways 18.00 total pd. 42.50

Received from Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest on $1,750.00 U. S. Bond
For Schools; 74.38
Paid over to Town Treasurer For Schools; 74.38

Received of George H. Clark Fund, interest on $200.00 on deposit Lisbon Savings Bank; care of lot, total rec'd 10.62
Paid out to Town Treasurer
For sexton's services care of lot, $4.00 total pd. 4.00
Balance 6.92

Received of J. C. Speed Fund, interest on $137.41 on deposit Lisbon Savings Bank; care of lot total rec'd 13.54
Paid out to Town Treasurer
For sexton's service caring for lot 4.00 total pd. $4.00
Balance $9.54

Received of Whitcher and Mann Fund, interest on $1,750.00 U. S. Bond
For Highways; 74.38
Paid out to Town Treasurer for Highways 74.38

Samuel Annis Fund, interest on $50.00 on deposit Lisbon Savings Bank, care of lot in cemetery
total rec'd 5.02
Paid out to Town Treasurer for sexton's services, care of lot $4.00 Balance $1.02

Received of Jonathan Davis Fund, interest on deposit Lisbon Savings Bank, care of lot in cemetery 5.02
Paid out to Town Treasurer for sexton's services care of lot $4.00 Balance $1.02

Received of Betsey Kendall Fund, interest on $200.00 on deposit Lisbon Savings Bank for care of lot in cemetery $20.12
Paid out to Town Treasurer for sexton's services care of lot $4.00 Balance $16.12

W. T. Torsey Fund, interest on $50.00 on deposit in Lisbon Savings Bank for care of lot 5.01
Paid out to Town Treasurer for sexton's services care of lot $4.00 Balance $1.01

There remains in the hands of Town Treasurer on January 31, 1932, a balance of $52.88 due Trust Fund Account and subject to call of Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Benton.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Tax Collector, and all others, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. There remains in the hands of the Treasurer on February 1st, 1932, $801.89.

LEE B. McKEAN, Auditor.

REPORT FOR BENTON TOWN LIBRARY
For the Year 1931

Books in Library, January 31, 1931	300
Books Purchased, year 1931	16
	316
Books in circulation	100

CATHERINE EASTMAN, Librarian

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Cash on Hand January 31, 1931 including Interest	$57.99
For Books Purchased This Year	9.78
Balance Cash on Hand	48.21
Due from Town, $3.00 per year, year 1926 to year 1931 inclusive, Total	18.00
TOTAL BALANCE	$66.21

Benton Schools

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of The Benton School District For the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1930, and ending June 30, 1931

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Public Laws 1926, Chapter 68:22, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

EDWARD A. JANES, Superintendent
IRA E. ELLIOTT
EDITH J. YEATON
IONE A. COX
School Board

July 14, 1931

RECEIPTS

State and Federal Aid:		
Equalization fund for elementary schools (from state)	$245.72	
National forest reserve (school's half from Selectmen)	497.05	
Total		742.77
Income From Local Taxation: (raised by Selectmen)		
For the support of elementary schools	551.00	
For the payment of high school and academy tuition	96.00	
For the salaries of district officers	33.00	
For the payment of per capita tax	50.00	
Special appropriations	70.00	
Total		800.00
From Sources Other Than Taxation		
Dog Licenses (from Selectmen)	85.00	
Elementary school tuitions	120.00	
Income from local trust funds	216.80	
Other receipts, Refund	6.17	
Total		427.97
Total receipts from all sources		1970.74
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1930		49.54
GRAND TOTAL		2020.28

PAYMENTS

Administration		
Salaries of district officers	$ 40.00	40.00
Superintendent's excess salary	63.00	63.00
Expenses of administration	7.66	7.66
Instruction		
Principals' and teachers' salaries	949.98	
Text books	23.68	
Scholars' supplies	17.32	
Flags and appurtenances	2.36	
Other expenses of instruction	7.73	
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant		
Janitor service	36.00	
Fuel	25.25	
Water, light, janitor's supplies	4.87	
Minor repairs and expenses	46.77	
Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities		
Medical inspection, Health supervision	28.50	
Transportation of pupils	216.00	
High school and academy tuition	96.00	
Elementary school tuition	364.00	
Other special activities	7.50	
Fixed Charges		
Tax for state wide supervision ($2 per capita)	56.00	
Total Payments For All Purposes	1992.62	
Total cash on hand at end of year (June 30, 1931)	27.66	
GRAND TOTAL		$2,020.28

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS
June 30, 1931

Cash on hand:	
Balance June 30, 1931	27.66
Accounts due to district:	
Balance of Deficiency, $400.00	400.00
Balance of 1930 Apprs.	210.35
From Others:	
Tuition from Landaff (Orduay girl, 7 days)	7.00
Total Assets	$645.01
Grand Total	$645.01

LIABILITIES
June 30, 1931

Equalization fund (unexpended)	$ 27.54
Total liabilities	27.54
Excess of assets over liabilities	617.47
Grand Total	$645.01

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Benton, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

July 13, 1931. FLOYD J. HUTCHINS, Auditor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1931

School District of Benton

SUMMARY:

Cash on hand June 30, 1930 (Treasurer's bank balance)		$ 49.54
Received from selectmen,		
Appropriations for current year	$953.65	
Balance of previous appropriations	99.93	
Dog tax	49.00	
Income from trust funds	216.80	
Received from State Treasurer (State or Federal Aid)	245.72	
Received from other sources	405.64	$1970.74
Total amount available for fiscal year		2020.28
Less school board orders paid		1992.62
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1931		27.66

MARGARET E. ELLIOTT,

July 13, 1931. District Treasurer.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

July Town of Bath, Carr tuition	48.00
Oct. 13 Town of Benton, Appro.	200.00
Nov. 20 Town of Benton, Appro.	300.00
Dec. 19 H. S. Mitchell, refund on Supt. and Nurse's Salaries.	6.17
Jan. 7 Town of Benton, Appro.	300.00
Feb. 16 Town of Benton, Forest 29—217.58 Dog 29—36.00	253.58
Feb. 20 Town of Bath Carr tuition	24.00
Mar. 9 State Treasurer, Ed. Equalization	225.61
Apr. 25 Selectmen Forest Reserve	279.47
June 11 Selectmen, Trust Fund Int.	216.80
June 11 Selectmen, Dog tax	49.00

June 18 State Treasurer, Adjustment Balance	20.11
June 27 Town of Bath, Carr tuition	48.00
Total Receipts During Year	$1970.74

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financia. records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931, and find them correct in all respects.

July 13, 1931. FLOYD J. HUTCHINS, Auditor.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1932—1933

School District of Benton, N. H.

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1932.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

*Support of Schools:	
Teachers' Salaries	$1,000.00
Text Books	40.00
Scholars' Supplies	35.00
Other Expenses of Instruction	10.00
Janitor Service	36.00
Fuel	30.00
Water, Light, Janitors' Supplies	10 00
Minor Repairs and Expenses	40.00
Health Supervision (Medical Inspection)	30.00
Transportation of Pupils	216.00
Payment of Elementary Tuitions	144.00
	$1,591.00

Other Statutory Requirements		
Salaries of District Officers (Fixed by District)	$	33.00
Truant Officer and School Census (Fixed by District)		6.00
Payment of Tuitions in High Schools and Academies (Estimated by Board)		288.00
Superintendent's Excess Salary (Fixed by Supervisory Union)		64.00
Per Capita Tax (Reported by State Treas.)		66.00
	$	457.00
Total amount required to meet School Board's Budget		$2,048.00

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1932 (Estimate)	$730.00
Dog Tax (Estimate)	36.00
Income from Trust Funds (Estimate)	93.00
Elementary School Tuition Receipts (Est.)	72.00
Other Estimated Income	217.00
Deduct Total Estimated Income (not raised by taxation)	$1,148.00
Assessment required to Balance School Board's Budget	$ 900.00

IRA ELLIOTT, IONE COX
EDITH YEATON, School Board

February 9, 1932, Benton, N. H.

*$3.50 per $1,000 of taxable inventory is minimum required by law.

To apply for state aid $1,054.48 must be raised for elementary schools.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Benton:

I herewith present my second annual report as superintendent of schools.

During the year 1930-1931, the total enrollment was 22; percent of attendance, 93.16; pupils not absent nor tardy, 1; schools visits by board members, 1; by superintendent, 25; by citizens, 16. Of the twenty-two pupils in the school three were non-residents for whom the town charged tuition. In addition to those at Benton Street the district paid tuition for 1 high school and 13 elementary pupils attending school in other towns. Harland McKean was on the roll of honor for perfect attendance.

This year there has been an enrollment of 24. The teacher is Mrs. Ruby C. Beecher. The regular work is going well and the children are interested in various extra curricular activities. The public programs given on several occasions furnished an excellent opportunity for practice in public speaking and for developing the feeling of confidence to face an audience and meet strangers.

The building would be much more comfortable if the school room could be enlarged, a circulating heater, and new toilets installed.

Respectfully Submitted,

EDWARD A. JANES

VITAL STATISTICS

Births registered in the Town of Benton, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1931.

Betty Jane Coates, born October 28, 1931; first child, living, female, white, father's name, John C. Coates; occupation of father, farmer; name of mother, Elizabeth E. Wilson; birthplace of father and mother, Haverhill, N. H.

Deaths registered in the Town of Benton, N. H.. for the year ending December 31, 1931.

Willard N. Putney, died January 1, 1931; age 31 years, 5 months, 6 days; born at Sharon, N. H., unmarried, white; father's name, Walter L. Putney; mother's name, Annie Whitehead; cause of death, Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

William W. Eastman, died March 19, 1931; age 80 years, 5 months, 5 days; born at Ausable Chasm, N. Y., married, white; father's name, Sylvester Eastman; mother's name, Louiza Whitcher; cause of death, Influenza.

John Thornton, died April 30, 1931; age 55 years. born in Ireland, unmarried, white, name of father and mother unknown: cause of death, Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

George W. Kimball, died April 30, 1931, age 56 years, 1 month, 24 days; born at Haverhill, Mass., widower, name of father and mother unknown; cause of death, Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Albert Gut, died June 19, 1931; age 46 years, 2 months, 13 days; born in Poland; married, white, father's name, Maclig Gut;- cause of death, Tubercular Enteritis.

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FLOYD J. HUTCHINS, Town Clerk

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